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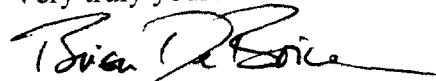
Re: Report of Ex Parte Communication
MM Docket No. 87-268

Dear Mr. Caton

This letter is written pursuant to Section 1.1206(a) of the Commission's Rules. The enclosed March 25, 1997 letter to Chairman Hundt from Congressman Danny K. Davis was transmitted to Chairman Hundt on March 25, 1997. On March 26, 1997, a copy of the letter was delivered to Commissioner Quello, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Ness, and the members of the Commission's staff listed below.

Two copies of the letter are enclosed. Please place these materials in the ex parte files for MM Docket No. 87-268.

Very truly yours



J. Brian DeBoice

cc: Hon. Reed E. Hundt
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Honorable Reed E. Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street — Room 814
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Advanced Television Systems, MM Docket N^o 87-286
Ex parte communication

Dear Chairman Hundt:

Please accept this communique as an expression of my concern that the FCC's pending digital television rule making proceeding might result in the displacement of low power television ("LPTV") station W23AT, licensed to Weigel Broadcasting Company ("Weigel"), in the City of Chicago.

Weigel's Channel 23 LPTV station provides many important public benefits to Chicago area viewers. Channel 23 broadcasts over 80 hours of minority and foreign language programming each week. These programs contain a great deal of news and public affairs, are often locally produced, and provide much needed public service information to the members of more than 15 discrete minority and ethnic groups in the Chicago area.

Channel 23 also broadcasts 35 hours per week of live, locally-produced business and general news and public affairs programming in the English language. This programming is very important to Chicago area viewers. In addition, Channel 23 broadcasts a live, locally produced half hour children's educational program ("The Homework Show") each weekday. This program was developed in cooperation with the Chicago Board of Education and provides substantial educational benefits to Chicago area school children.

In these and other respects, the public service currently provided to Chicago area residents by Weigel's Channel 23 LPTV is of great value. In some ways, this service would be irreplaceable, if lost. I urge you and your fellow Commissioners to take all possible steps during your

consideration of digital television broadcasting to preserve the public service provided to Chicago area viewers by Weigel's low power Channel 23 station.

Sincerely,



Danny K. Davis
Member of Congress
7th District, Illinois

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cc: William Caton (two copies — for ex parte file in MM Docket N^o 87-286)